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## PEREZ, BOOKS FOR ZIMBABWE, STOWE DIRECT ATTENTION TO OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

The Rev. Dr. David M. Stowe, Executive Vice President, United Church Board for World Ministries, Women of the World representative from Cuba Ysel Perez, and Books for Zimbabwe, a project to rebuild the libraries of schools in that African country, have touched members of the UCC churches in the Central Pacific Conference this Fall at a time when increases in OCWM are being contemplated for church budgets.

"The Great Missionary Debate" and "The State Department and the Mission Board", the two lectures given by Dr. Stowe at Portland First Congregational UCC's Oliver Lectures October 30, are available from the Conference Office in cassette tape form or transcribed. Both also include the perceptive question and answer periods.

Books for Zimbabwe is a UCBWM project to send 10,000 new or good-condition used books by September 1983 to the Mt. Selinda-Chikore area where the UCC has worked since 1893 and where there are 21,000 students with no common language but a smattering of English.

Kits of materials and a filmstrip are available through our three members on the corporate board, the Rev. Cathy Barker and Frederick Martin, Ione, and Becky Luther, Hillsboro, who, with her husband the Rev. Ned Luther, served as a missionary there in the early 1970's. Cash contributions are welcome for magazine subscriptions and encyclopedias. Further information is available from Mr. Mark Beckmeyer, Coordinator, Hoyleton, IL 62803. Telephone 8618/493-6203.

## FALL COUNCIL DELEGATES ENTERTAINED, INSPIRED PASS CONFERENCE BUDGET WITH 9% INCREASE

Delegates to Fall Council at The Dalles First Congregational UCC found themselves acting as the Ecclesiastical Council for the examination of Greg Garland who was recently called to the Enterprise Church. That inspirational experience coupled with a highly entertaining report from the delegates to the Western Regional Youth Event last June brightened the working side of the two-day meeting: Conference budget explanation, and vote, and by-law revision presentation.

A \$312,106 budget was passed, representing a 9% increase, but with only a 2% increase in staff salaries. Of that total, \$58,000 will be sent on for national and international work of the United Church of Christ. The Executive Board has the power to readjust the budget in January after local church budgets are adopted and OCWM pledges reported.

Following November hearings on By-Law revisions, the Priorities and Evaluation Department will draft revisions and present them to the Executive Board January 29. Spring Assembly delegates will compose the body that will vote on the revision. One major change is suggested - creation of a fifth department, Information and Interpretation, to be concerned with UCC identity, denominational awareness, and communication within the Conference.

## NICD COMMITMENT FOCUS OF EARLY 1983 EFFORT

Early 1983 is when most of our church members will have the opportunity to pledge to the New Initiatives in Church Development campaign. \$8 million is to be raised nationally. At Spring Assembly delegates accepted a \$200,000 goal for the Central Pacific Conference.

To date, 70 projects have been funded nationally, 46 new and 24 renewed churches. We will finish our commitment to Boise Pilgrimage before embarking on a second new church.

NICD Coordinator Ginny Cooper and the committee under the chair of the Rev. Lincoln Reed are prepared to aid churches with fund raising efforts to culminate with a pledge report at Spring Assembly in Corvallis in May.

## CLERGY CALLED TO SERVE

On Oct. 17, The Rev. Harold Henderson was called from Air Force Chaplaincy to be pastor of First Cong'l. Church, Mt. Home, Idaho. Also on Oct. 17th, Sallirae Henderson was called, as a new seminary graduate, to be pastor of Clackamas UCC. The two Hendersons, who are not related, will each begin their new positions on January 1, 1983.

The Rev. Cy Eberhart began his ministry at Smyrna UCC on September 1. The Rev. Walter McGettigan is serving as interim at Hillsboro UCC, and Dr. Stephen Peirce serves as interim at Vancouver, First Cong'l.

## KINNEAR WELCOMES OPPORTUNITIES TO TEACH BIBLICAL, CHURCH HISTORY

Dr. Kenneth Kinnear, Professor of Religion at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, and a UCC minister in the CPC, is available to local churches to teach adults Biblical and church history. Cost is about \$25 a session. His address is 2031 S. W. Taylors Ferry Road, Portland, Or. 97219 - phone 246-3744.

## OCLL DEVELOPS "THE LEADERS' BOX"

"The Leaders' Box", a resource to train, support and expand local church leaders with more than 140 topics, is now available at \$18 from the Office for Church Life and Leadership which spent 3 years developing the resource with a

## 1983 IDAHO CAMPING DATES SE

July	14-16	Primary Mini-Camp (3rd-4th Grade)
	17-23	Junior Camp (5th-6th Grades)
	24-30	Junior High Camp (7th-9th Grades)
	31-Aug. 6	Senior High Camp (9th-12th Grades)
Aug.	7-13	Sawtooth Back Pack Camp (Junior and up)

The Oregon Camp dates were listed in last month's NEWS. Brochures with registration forms will be in your local church by mid-March.

## PEACE ADVOCACY CONTINUES AS OREGON REFERENDUM PASSES

Eugene First Congregational UCC members were responsible for nearly 3,000 of the 112,000 signatures that put the nuclear freeze initiative on the November 3 ballot. Oregon voters passed the referendum.

The current "Lame Duck" Congressional session will have a probable push from the administration for votes on "first strike" weapons.

"Write, telephone or telegraph your Senator and Representatives", urges Ted Liljeholm of the Conference Peace and Hunger Network. "Let them know your concern about the Trident, MX Cruise, and Pershing missiles", he states.

The Network plans a January Peace and Family Clergy Event. Inquiries to the network may be made through the Conference Office.

## SOAR SEEKS AID FOR REFUGEES

Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees are seeking funding for those refugees cut from federal assistance rolls. The Conference budget supports SOAR with a \$750 gift in 1983. The group guides sponsors and refugees through the maze of available services and advocates for refugees. Their address is 4837 N. E. Couch Street, Portland, Or. 97213.

Family Thank Offering grant.

Cost as of January 1 will be \$23. Checks should be payable to Church Leadership Resources and include 10% plus \$1 for postage and handling. Order directly from Church Leadership Resources, 1400 N. 7th St., Suite B, St. Louis, Mo. 63106

## POST ISSUES OFFICIAL CALL TO SYNOD XIV

Announcement is hereby made of the meeting of the Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ to be held at the David L. Lawrence Pittsburgh Convention / Exposition Center, 1001 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 24, 1983, and continuing through 10 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 1983. For the Executive Council of the General Synod - (signed) Avery D. Post, Pres. Joseph H. Evans, Secty.

## ONES TOGETHER OUTLINE 1983 PLANS

ONES TOGETHER, A Conference-wide group for the non-married, start 1983 with a January 15 play and a cross-country ski trip, date to be set.

Contact Pat Bonney, Portland First Cong'l.UCC, through the Conference Office for further information and a full calendar of events.

## OPERATION NIGHTWATCH & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MINISTER TO PORTLANDERS

Operation Nightwatch, directed by the Rev. Gary Vaughan, a CPC UCC minister, is a clergy and laity listening ministry on the streets of Portland and by telephone nightly from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am.

Those interested in supporting the ministry with money, in volunteering, or arranging for a film or speaker can phone 503/232-9353 or 220-0438. Nightwatch address is P.O.Box 4005, Portland, Or. 97208.

Neighborhood Watch is a program of cooperation and concern into which Waverly Heights UCC is beginning to move. Pastor Farley Maxwell sees a two-way benefit, in safety and contacts. He can be reached at 503/238-1337 or 232-0441 for further information.

## ICYE OFFERING YOUTH A YEAR ABROAD

The International Christian Youth Exchange offers young persons aged 16-24 opportunities to live for a year in another country.

Information is available from ICYE, 74 Trinity Place, Room 610, New York, N.Y. 10006, or from Mr. Carl Bade, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 132 W. 31st Street, New York, N.Y. 10001.

## The Local Scene

Parkrose UCC recently honored laywoman Irene Gray on the 40th Anniversary of her Church School teaching, and Dr. Ruben Huenemann, Interim minister, on the occasion of his 3,000th sermon. Congratulations to you both!

Breaking Through: How to Overcome Housewives' Depression", by The Rev. Marie Morgan of Clark County Campus Ministries, will be published in the Spring by Winston Press in softcover, \$9.95.

Alan Creech, Nampa, was recently re-elected President of the Pilgrim Cove Board. Serving with him are Harold White, New Plymouth, Vice President; Bill Haezle, Boise, Treasurer; and Olla Jane Rutan, Nampa, Secretary.

## EATON RECEPTION SET

Members of the CPC are invited to a reception for the Rev. Kenneth O. Eaton, retiring pastor of the Community Church of Cedar Hills UCC, and his wife Evelyn, January 30, 2:30-5:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Contributions to a Book of Letters and Reminiscences may be sent to Jeanne Newman, care of the church, or call her at 649-1774 for information.

## The Christmas Fund

For the VETERANS OF THE CROSS and the EMERGENCY FUND

Look up, Laugh, Love, Lift!



Reverend R. Wilbur Simmons, retired former Montana Conference Minister, and wife Nell, live at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Calif., with over 300 other religious leaders in retirement.

They invite gifts through our churches to help retired ministers in need and to provide emergency funds for active and retired clergy.

The Christmas Fund is administered by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ.

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
And usher in the morning;  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
But hear the angel's warning,  
This child, now weak in infancy,  
Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The power of Satan breaking,  
Our peace eternal making.

Christmas morning brings the  
light that announces the  
beginning of peace eternal!

May your Christmas be filled  
with light, love, peace,  
and joy!

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